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Mr. John J. Johnson, Executive Director Kentucky Commission on Human Rights 332 West Broadway, Suite 700 Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Congratulations on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights. As Speaker of the House, I am honored to contribute this letter to the historic time capsule.

Kentucky has made several strides in promoting equality and reducing discrimination. We were the first state south of the Mason-Dixon Line to establish a Human Rights Commission, and the first Southern state to pass comprehensive civil rights legislation. However, we must continue to work together to achieve Dr. Martin Luther King's dream for racial equality and an end to discrimination.

Your goal of helping people understand the importance of civil rights is now more important than ever. I look forward to our ongoing efforts to protect the achievements of the past, while building a strong future for all in our communities. I hope when the time capsule is opened in 2060, the Commonwealth of Kentucky is the model state on human rights.

Once again, congratulations, and thank you for inviting me to participate in the historic anniversary ceremony.

Sincerely,

Gregory D. Stumbo Speaker of the House

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